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RE: New Patent Application in U.S.
Applicant(s): Masataka OKUMOTO et al.
Title: HAIR STYLING IRON
Atty's Docket: OKUMOTO=1

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- ☒ Specification (17 pages), claims (2 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- ☒ 11 Sheets Drawings (Figures 1-11)
- ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages)
- ☒ Newly executed ☐ Copy from prior application no.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with () references
- ☒ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and 37 CFR §1.27 (1 page(s))
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 380.00 (check no. 22475) to cover:
 - ☒ The filing fee calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$ 760.00
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3=	0	x 78	0
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- ☐ Any additional fee required by the filing of an enclosed preliminary or supplemental preliminary amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEP	*	MINUS ***	=	x \$ 78.00	\$
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The following statements are applicable:

- [X] The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of: Japanese Application No. 182800/98 in Japan on June 29, 1998; and Japanese Application No. 036564/99 in Japan on February 15, 1999.
A certified copy of each of said priority documents is attached.
- [] The present application is a [] Continuation [] Divisional [] Continuation-in-part of prior application No. _____.
- [] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [] A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.
- [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a __ continuation __ division of copending parent application Serial No. filed _____.--
- [] Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the following prior application _____, which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these documents by attaching hereto a form PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.
- [] A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed in progenitor application no. _____, filed _____. Status is still proper and desired.
- [] The undersigned attorney of record hereby revokes the powers of attorney of:

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- [] The undersigned attorney of record hereby appoints associate power of attorney, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith to:
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-4035:
- [X] Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees, based on any paper filed during the pendency of this application or any CPA thereof, to effect any amendment, petition, or other action requested in said paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-4035:
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 - [X] Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
 - [X] If a paper is untimely filed in this or any CPA thereof by Applicant(s), the Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make said paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account 02-4035.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment of fees accompanying this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

Respectfully submitted,
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